Tirupati, where Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed and commissioned. The benefits of these two centres will be extended to selected post offices around them through modemtelephone line link up.

(c) Satellite Money Order Service ensures transmission of Money Orders within seconds thereby speeding up Money Order Service considerably and the benefit of the system will be available to selected important post offices around each VSAT centre.

(d) No, Sir.

Molestation of American Tourist in Five Star Hotel in Delhi

397. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe Government have seen press report published in the Times of India of 20th June, 1995 regarding the alleged molestation and beating of an American tourist in a five star hotel, Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza, New Delhi on the night of 20th May, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether any FIR was registered and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) what action Government have taken against the persons involved; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to protect and safeguard the honour and dignity of the foreign women tourists visiting India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Such a news item had appeared in the "Times of India" in its issue of June 20, 1995. A written complaint was handed over to the Delhi Police on May 24, 1995 by Mrs. Ellen Spiegal and Mr. Bruce Davies that the modesty of Mrs. Ellen Spiegal had been outraged by an unidentified male weighing over 100 Kgs.

(c) and (d) A case under section 354/509/323/34-IPC was registered at Police Station Connaught Place and investigation taken up. No arrest has been made in this case.

(e) All the Sub-Divisional Police Officers and Station House Officers have been directed to intensify patrolling and sensitise the patrolling and other field staff, especially in areas like Connaucht Place and other places foreigners frequently visit, to react promptly and correctly to complaints made by foreigners. The police also try to ensure that culprits involved in crimes against foreigners are effectively dealt with so that foreigners have an improved sense of security while they are in the country.

Theft cases in Railways.

398. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of theft that has taken place in the Railways during 1994-95 and how does that compare with the preceding three years; and

(b) the action taken to reduce such thefts?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The amount of theft of Railway property i.e both booked consignments and Railway materials over Indian Railways during the last 4 (four) financial years is given as under:-

Year	No. of cases reported	Value of property stolen (In Rs. crores)
1991-92	101417	13.38
1992-93	104059	12.06
1993-94	90708	10.65
1994-95	76817	11.57

(b) The following preventive measures are being taken to reduce thefts of Railway property:-